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## (57) ABSTRACT

A method is provided for nucleic acid amplification with enhanced sensitivity. The method for enhanced sensitivity involves carrying out the amplification reaction in the presence of gellan. For instance, the method allows for the production of detectible amounts of PCR amplified DNA from at least 10 fold fewer target molecules than a comparable PCR reaction in absence of gellan.

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